

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

CHEVRON CORP.,

Plaintiffs,

-against-

Case No. 1:12-mc-65

Hon. Gary L. Sharpe

STEVEN DONZIGER, *et al.*,

Defendants.

**DECLARATION OF JOHN DOE (OWNER OF SIMEONTEGEL@HOTMAIL.COM) IN
SUPPORT OF MOTION OF NON-PARTY JOHN DOE MOVANTS TO QUASH
SUBPOENA TO MICROSOFT INC. SEEKING IDENTITY AND EMAIL USAGE
INFORMATION**

Using my email address, simeontegel@hotmail.com, instead of my actual name, in order to protect my identity pursuant to my rights under the First Amendment and New York law, I declare as follows:

1. I am the owner of the email account simeontegel@hotmail.com. I have personal knowledge of all matters set forth in this declaration. If called upon to do so, I could and would testify to all matters set forth herein.

2. I am providing this declaration under my email address because I wish to protect my rights to free speech and participation in associational activities. I also wish to avoid making moot these very issues, which I have raised in this motion. A true and correct copy of my actual signature for this document resides with my attorneys.

3. On September 12, 2012, I received notice from Microsoft of a subpoena issued in relation to the *Chevron, Corp. v. Donziger et al.*, Case No. 11-cv-0691 (LAK) (S.D.N.Y.) for identifying and email usage information associated with my Hotmail address. I am not a defendant in that case. On September 17, 2012, I received a notice from Google of another

subpoena in the same case issued in the District Court for the Northern District of California seeking information from Google about a Gmail address of mine. I am now moving to quash the subpoena issued to Microsoft for information associated with my Hotmail account. I am separately moving to quash the subpoena seeking my Gmail account information in the District Court for the Northern District of California, as well.

4. I am a full-time journalist. I worked for a non-profit advocacy organization from 2005 to 2008, but prior to and after that period, I worked as a professional journalist. My articles are frequently published in a number of prominent international media outlets.

5. I was involved in an advocacy campaign concerning the environmental impact of Chevron's former oil concession in the Amazon for less than three years, ending in 2008. I was never directly involved in the litigation against Chevron in Ecuador, but performed advocacy on behalf of the communities affected by the activities giving rise to that litigation.

6. I have had my Hotmail email address since at least 1999 and I have used it as my primary address ever since.

7. I almost never used my Hotmail address in connection with my advocacy work concerning Chevron. I had a separate address for correspondence related to that campaign.

8. Keeping my Hotmail account and location information private is very important to me for personal and professional reasons. I am a professional journalist and maintaining journalistic confidentiality regarding my communications has been, and continues to be, an important part of my job.

9. I have used my Hotmail account to engage in personal and professional communications for approximately thirteen years. It is important to me that Chevron not have access to my email usage information and locations during that time period.

10. As a journalist based in Latin America, I work on many stories where my personal security, and that of my confidential sources, is an issue of great concern.

11. Had I known that my email usage information and location would be revealed, my political activity at the time I was assisting with the advocacy campaign related to Chevron would have been chilled.

12. I am no longer active in the advocacy campaign and have not been for some time, but should Chevron gain access to my private email usage records, it would intimidate me and deter me from engaging in activism or litigation against Chevron in the future.

13. Should Chevron gain access to my account information, it would chill my activity more generally as well, knowing that personal information about my email use and location could be revealed concerning any activity that I might engage in. Because privacy and confidentiality is of the utmost importance in my line of work, and my sources rightfully expect our communications will remain confidential, my use of my email account will be chilled if Microsoft releases my account information to Chevron. My participation in future political and activism campaigns will also be chilled should this information be released.

14. I feel harassed by Chevron's attempt to obtain my email usage records and fear further harassment should Chevron gain access to the details of my past involvement in the advocacy campaign against Chevron.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on October 22, 2012.


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